

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION urging the U.S. Department of Defense to select The Boeing Company to build the next mid-air refueling tanker.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has begun the process to procure the Air Force's next mid-air refueling tanker; and

WHEREAS, Boeing and Airbus are anticipated to be the competitors to build that tanker; and

WHEREAS, that contract could be worth \$35 billion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. economy is currently struggling through a recession of historic magnitude; and

WHEREAS, unemployment nationally and in Washington remains around 10%; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers deserve the best tanker at the least cost; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing Company has a history of producing successful tankers for the U.S. Air Force and other countries' air forces; and

WHEREAS, Boeing can deliver a better aircraft more quickly to our soldiers, sailors and airmen; and

WHEREAS, Boeing will build its tankers in Everett, Washington at a proven plant, with a highly skilled and dedicated regional workforce that has a tradition of building the best airplanes in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle metropolitan statistical area has the highest concentration of aerospace jobs in the world; and

WHEREAS, Seattle and the Puget Sound region is home to the vast majority of Boeing's more than 75,000 workers; and

WHEREAS, each job at Boeing supports nearly three additional jobs; and

WHEREAS, Aerospace workers earn an average of more than \$50,000 a year—60 percent higher than the average for all private sector industries; and

WHEREAS, most aerospace companies are relatively small businesses—many with five to 50 employees; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$5.4 billion is paid in annual wages to aerospace workers—five percent of all wages paid in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council values these jobs and the people who hold them, and will make it a priority to ensure Washington and the Puget Sound region remains the best place to design, build, and market commercial airplanes; and

WHEREAS, our national security interests are not served by sending this valuable and strategic program overseas; and

WHEREAS, Airbus has a majority of their workers in Europe, and by their own admission would only do the finishing work for a tanker in the U.S.—that’s as little as 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, awarding the contract to Boeing can create or retain 40,000 to 50,000 American jobs at a time in history when we desperately need them; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers are not served by buying tankers from both Boeing and Airbus in this competition; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

The U.S. Department of Defense should select Boeing over Airbus to build the next mid-air refueling tanker; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The U.S. Department of Defense should not split the contract between the two competitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the City Clerk to Boeing Corporate Offices in Chicago, Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Seattle, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and signed by me in
open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2010.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

City Clerk

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